

**December 1, 2025
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Ben Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Olen, Tommie Conaway, Ben Hughes, Oliver Roberts, Joel Coleman, Stephanie Messinger and Jennifer Green

Also Present: Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Brian Gulsby, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Emmie Powell, Library; Troy Strunk, City Development; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Eric Butler, Building Department; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Isabella New, Junior City Councilmember; Emma Coleman, Junior City Councilmember; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; Emery Capstraw, Junior City Councilmember; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Kara Wilbourn, Marketing; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Reverend Thack Dyson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

2. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon recognized Captain Eric Hayes' on his recent retirement from the Fire Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon recognized Chase Brewer (Captain), Jameson Kenny (Lieutenant) and Grant Everhart (Lieutenant) on their recent promotions in the Fire Department.

PRESENTATION: "I Got Your Six Gulf Coast" group presented a check to the Daphne Police Department's Crisis Intervention Training.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT HEARING:

Eric Butler presented on the nuisance abatement hearing for 505 Van Avenue.

Public hearing opened at 6:14pm.

Gregg Stallings, owner of 505 Van Avenue, address the Council asking for an access road to be opened and to adopt option two of Resolution 2025-77.

Public hearing closed at 6:16pm.

<p>MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Resolution 2025-77 (Option 1). Seconded by Councilwoman Green. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved.

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4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the November 17th meeting were in the packet. She gave the Treasurer's Report for October 2025: unrestricted fund balance - \$24,925,490; total cash balance - \$46,385,294; sales tax for September 2025 - \$2,246,143.53; lodging tax for September 2025 - \$130,374.94; debt summary for October 2025: warrants - \$28,151,132; capital leases: general fund - \$233,344; enterprise fund - \$807,456. She said the next meeting is December 15th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said next meeting is December 8th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is December 8th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is January 5th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 5th at 5:15pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there was not December meeting.

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Council President Hughes said there will be no December meeting.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is December 18th at 5:30pm and the minutes from the October meeting are in the packet.

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is December 16th at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is December 11th at 4:30pm.

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is December 18th at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 14th at 6pm.

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is December 3rd at 5pm.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:21pm.

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Victoria Phelps, Lake Forest, commended the work of the Public Works' Staff.

Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, said the Environmental Advisory Committee recently opened the Native Plant Trail in Central Park and thanked the Boy Scout and Public Works' employees for their help with it.

Public participation closed at 6:24pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune commended Randy Jones in the Solid Waste Department for his work. He shared the City's Tree Lighting might be rescheduled for Tuesday, December 9th and the Christmas Parade is set for December 6th.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was a matter for Executive Session potentially for the December 15th Council Meeting.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Tacon, Fire, gave an update on the baby box.

Kara Wilbourn, Marketing/Tourism, shared about the Museum starting construction and the upcoming City Christmas events.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, gave kudos to many in his department and said the Deer Avenue work is starting soon.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said youth basketball has started and gave an update on the Senior Center and Animal Shelter.

Andy Bobe, City Engineer, commended Public Works for their work recently on a project.

Junior City Council President Emma Coleman said they met recently and discussed the "Santa Paws" boxes and their upcoming volunteer opportunities.

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Daphmont Community Mardi Gras Parade on February 14, 2026 from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Green to approve the Apollo's Mystic Ladies Parade on February 6, 2026 from 6:45 – 9:30pm with a rain makeup day of February 12, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the Shadow Barons Parade on February 14, 2026 from 6:45 – 9:30pm with a rain makeup day of February 15, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to appoint an interim City Clerk and authorize staff to advertise the City Clerk open position. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

**MOTION to amend the original motion and appoint Jessica Linne as the interim City Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2025 - 78 - Resolution to Appoint the Chief of Police**
- B. 2025 - 79 - Resolution to Appoint the City Treasurer**
- C. 2025 - 80 - Resolution to Appoint the City Attorney**
- D. 2025 - 81 - Resolution to Appoint the Fire Chief**
- E. 2025 - 82 - Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of such Property-2006 Taurus-V#1138 & 2013 Ford Escape-V#1441**
- F. 2025 - 83 - Belrose Avenue Purchase and Development Agreement-S&R Lot and Parking Lot Property**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2025-78, 2025-79, 2025-80 and 2025-81. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-78. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-79. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-80. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-81. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-82. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-82. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Hughes said Resolution 2025-83 is being tabled and will be presented at the next Council meeting as a First Read Ordinance.

12. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

13. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 2025 - 22 - Ordinance Setting Forth the Authorization of Certain City Officials as Designated Signatories on Various Accounts of the City of Daphne**

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- B. 2025 - 23 - Hotel Fortuna Project-TFH Daphne 2026-Limited Obligation Project Revenue Warrant-Not to exceed \$8 Million**

City Attorney gave information regarding Ordinance 2025-23 and said it will likely be back as a first read in two weeks.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway thanked Captain Hayes for his time with the City and congratulated those recognized with their promotions.

Councilman Olen echoed Councilwoman Conaway's words and said he's looking forward to the Christmas events.

Councilman Coleman echoed previous comments and thanked the Mayor and Public Works' staff for their hard work.

Councilman Roberts thanked Captain Hayes and congratulated those who received promotions.

Councilwoman Messinger thanked Reverend Dyson for his encouragement through his prayer and said she's glad to be able to serve in the City.


Councilwoman Green congratulated Captain Hayes and those recently promoted. She said she's looking forward to the Christmas event and commended the Environmental Advisory Committee on their work.

Council President Hughes thanked the "I Got Your Six Gulf Coast" group for their donation to the Police Department.

15. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:42PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessica Linne, Interim City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Ben Hughes, Council President